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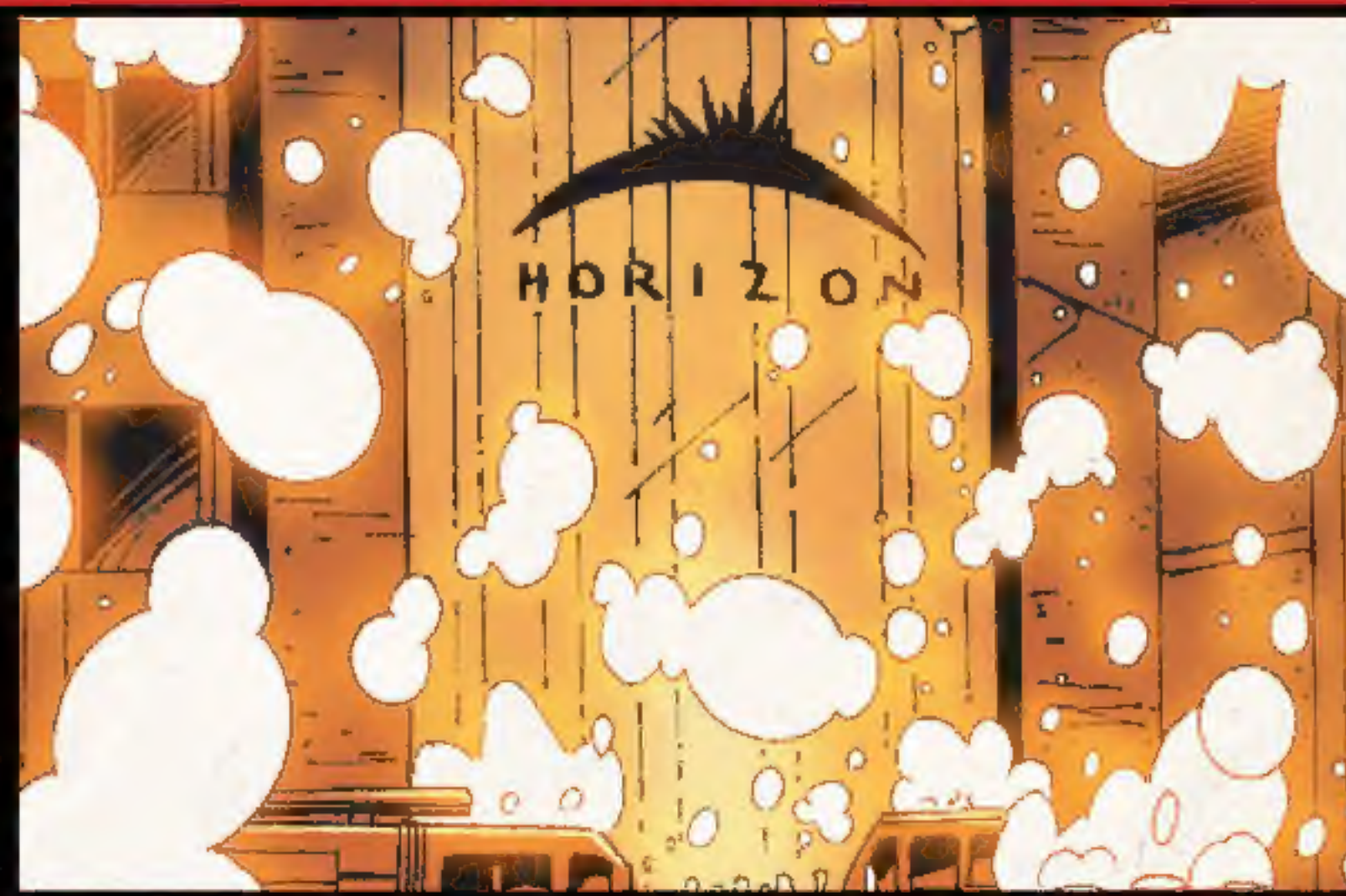


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It has been several months since the death of one of this city's most vile villains, Otto Octavius, otherwise known as Doctor Octopus. Already on the brink of death, his final battle against Spider-Man in Columbus Circle pushed him over the edge. But despite the fact that the threat that he once posed has come to an end, crime is still abundant in New York City and Spider-Man has been working harder than ever to put an end to it and to keep this city and her inhabitants safe.

HORIZON FINISHED

Horizon Labs has been in some hot water lately. Not only was Max Modell, head of the think tank, recently arrested, but following an attempt of hostile takeover by Allan Chemical, the whole building exploded! I think it's safe to say that this may be the end of Max Modell and Horizon Labs...



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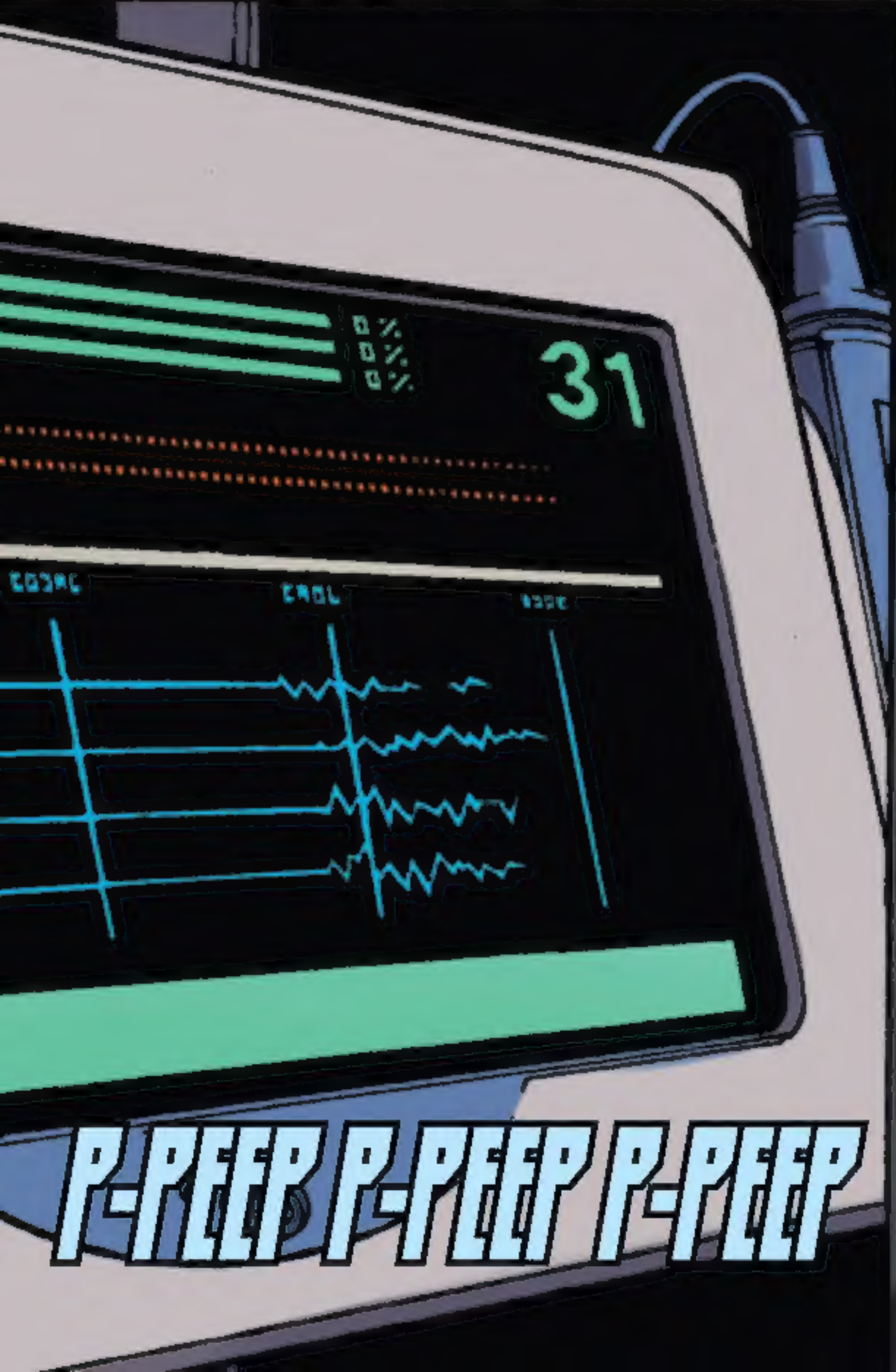
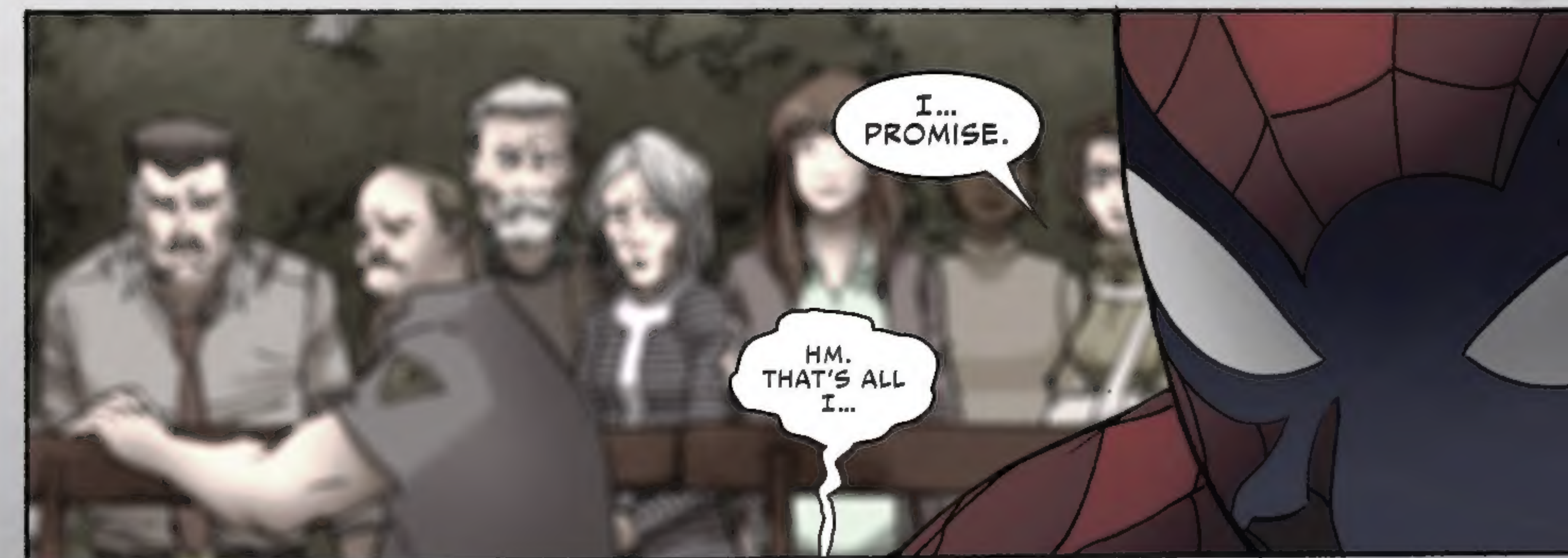
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Months ago...
COLUMBUS CIRCLE.





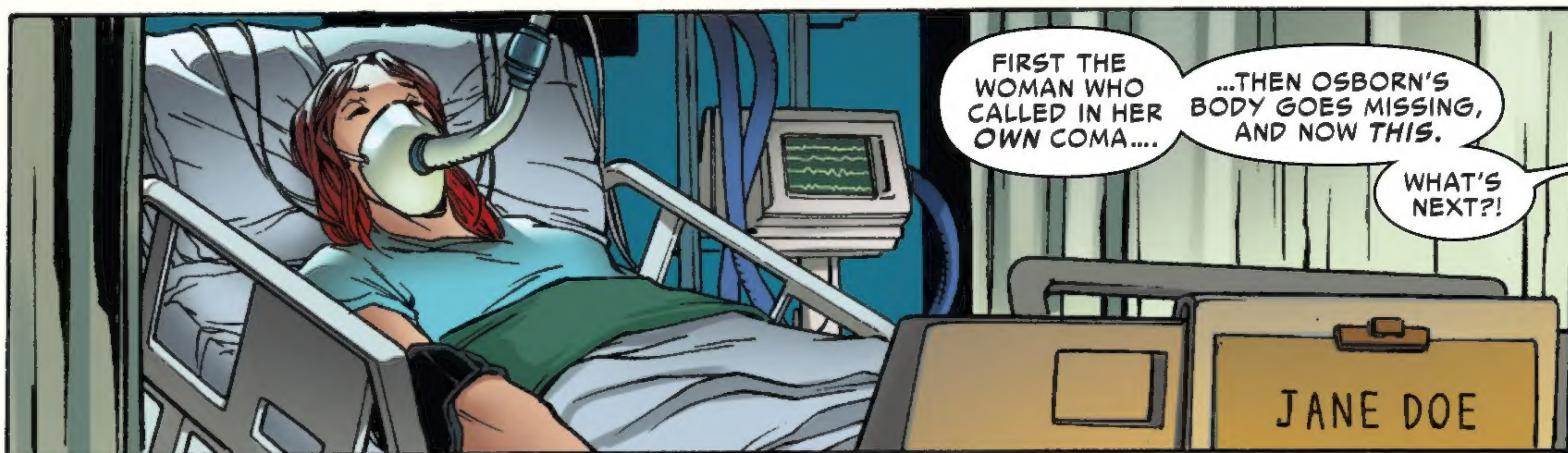
REMOVE
THE FEEDING
TUBE.
BREATHING'S
ERRATIC.

I DON'T LIKE
THESE READINGS.
CLEAR AN O.R. AND GET
ME SOMEONE FROM
CARDIOLOGY.

DR.
HOYLE IS
ON CALL.



FINE. NOW
MOVE.
CAN'T BELIEVE
THE WEEK WE'VE
BEEN HAVING...



FIRST THE
WOMAN WHO
CALLED IN HER
OWN COMA....

...THEN OSBORN'S
BODY GOES MISSING,
AND NOW THIS.

WHAT'S
NEXT?!



MNNN...

THE
WEB...

THE GREAT
WEB IS COMING
UNDONE.



SOON...SO
SOON...EVERY
SPIDER...

**ALL THE
SPIDERS WILL
DIE!**



THERE. A COMPLETE SUCCESS. YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE.

YOU HAVE BEEN ASLEEP FOR SOME TIME THOUGH.

YOUR MUSCLES HAVE ATROPHIED. YOU MIGHT FIND IT HARD TO MOVE FOR A WHILE. OR EVEN TO SPEAK. BUT I ASSURE YOU--

OTTO...



OTTO OCTAVIUS...

WHERE IS HE? I...NEED TO KNOW.

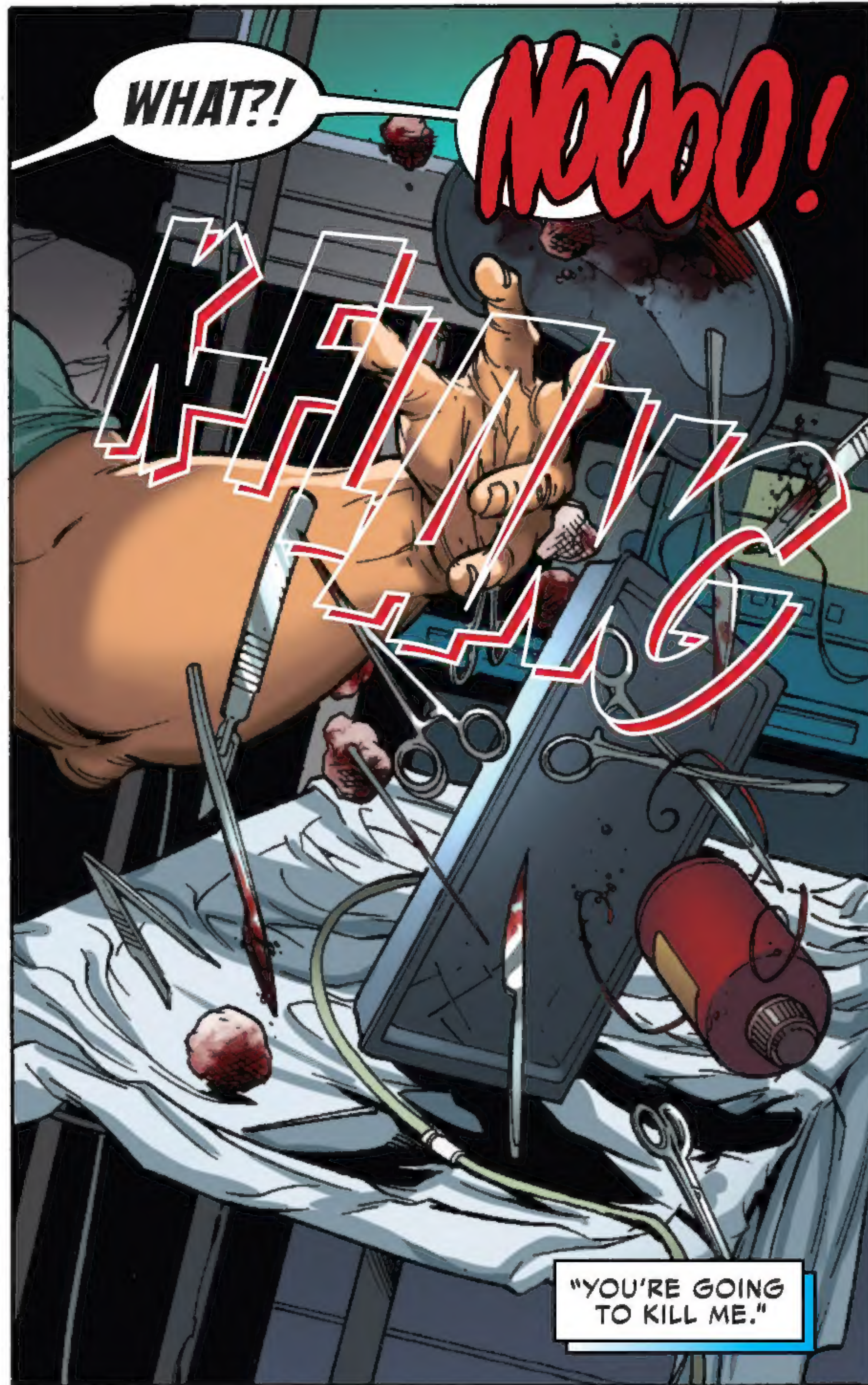
IS HE...?



THAT'S WEIRD. IN A COMA ALL THAT TIME, AND THEY'RE ASKING ABOUT DOC OCK. NOW?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, IT'S ALL OVER THE NEWS. DOCTOR OCTOPUS JUST DIED.



WHAT?!

Noooo!

KEEE!

"YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME."

Present Day.

MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.

I'M RUNNING LATE, AREN'T I?

JUST A LITTLE, SLICK.

I PROMISE I SHALL BE THERE PRESENTLY. AND THIS TIME, MY DEAR MS. MARCONI...

...DINNER IS ON ME.

THAT'S NOT A PLUS, PETER. I LOVE COOKING. IT FEELS WEIRD HAVING SOMEONE ELSE MAKE ME DINNER...

...LIKE LETTING THEM SHARE MY TOOTHBRUSH.

OH MY.

WAS THAT A EUPHEMISM? PARKER WOULD KNOW. I'M...NOT GOOD AT THESE THINGS.

YOU STILL THERE?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SLICK? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

UM...

ALERT. UNIT #872 REPORTING.

FELONY IN PROGRESS.



I'LL
CALL YOU
BACK.

SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
JUST POPPED
UP.

OOH.
ALONG CAME
A SPIDER.

AND HERE I
THOUGHT TONIGHT
WAS GOING TO BE
ALL WORK AND
NO FUN.





CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D--

WE ALWAYS HAD A WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS. A DANCE. A BACK AND FORTH.

THE TWO OF US, WE WERE--

NO MORE.

IN THE PAST, I'VE TRIED TO KILL THIS WOMAN.



MORE THAN ONCE.

UNH!



BUT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

WAK



I FIGHT FOR JUSTICE. I DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.



ALL TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

WAIT!

THWIP

THERE. THAT SHOULD HOLD YOU.

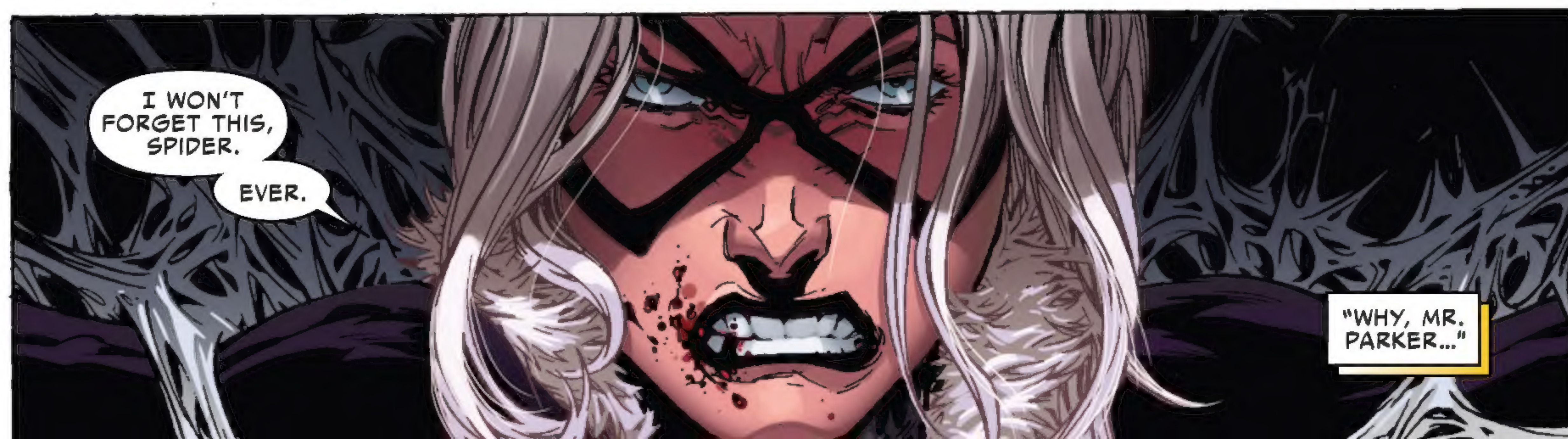


YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME LIKE--

I'VE ALERTED THE AUTHORITIES. THEY SHOULD BE HERE WITHIN THE HOUR.

PHONE. REDIAL.

SORRY ABOUT THAT, HONEY. I'M ON MY WAY. NO. IT WAS NOTHING.



I WON'T FORGET THIS, SPIDER.

EVER.

"WHY, MR. PARKER..."



...I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BE LATE.

I MADE UP FOR LOST TIME.

AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE BRINGING FOOD.

FOLLOW ME.



EASY, SLICK. LITTLE PERSON. TINY LEGS. SLOW DOWN.

ANNA, TRUST ME.

I'VE SPENT A LIFETIME GOING SLOW. PLOTTING. PLANNING. BIDDING MY TIME.



WHILE I'M YOUNG, WHILE I HAVE THIS CHANCE, WHILE I'M WITH YOU...

...I SHALL NOT WASTE A SINGLE MOMENT.

AND I WILL MAKE EVERY ONE OF THEM SPECIAL.

HERE. HOLD ON.

WOW! THIS IS... AMAZING.



ONE OF THE PERKS OF DESIGNING TECH FOR SPIDER-MAN. NICE.

WE'LL HAVE TO EAT FAST, THOUGH. DOESN'T THIS STUFF GO AWAY IN AN HOUR?

NOT ANYMORE.



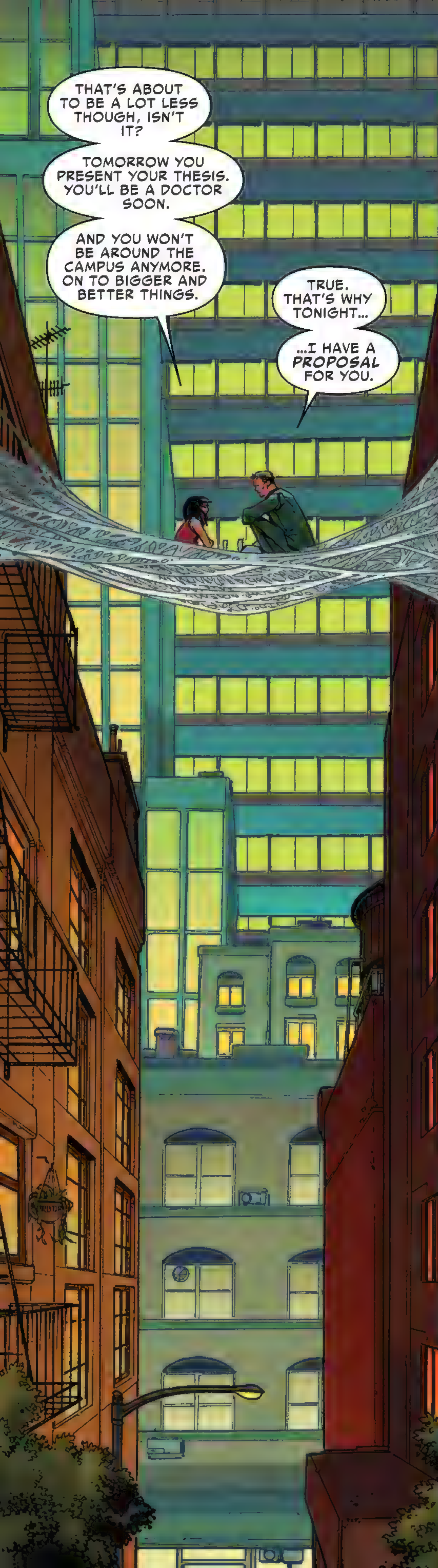
I IMPROVED ON THE FORMULA. THIS BATCH STAYS UP INDEFINITELY...

...UNTIL I ACTIVATE A DISSOLVING AGENT.

I ALWAYS TRY TO KEEP IMPROVING.

TRUST ME, PETE, YOU DO.

EVERY TIME I SEE YOU.



THAT'S ABOUT TO BE A LOT LESS THOUGH, ISN'T IT?

TOMORROW YOU PRESENT YOUR THESIS. YOU'LL BE A DOCTOR SOON.

AND YOU WON'T BE AROUND THE CAMPUS ANYMORE. ON TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS.

TRUE. THAT'S WHY TONIGHT...

...I HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOU.



TALK ABOUT MOVING FAST, SLICK.

OH! ANNA MARIA, NO. I--I MEANT A BUSINESS PROPOSAL.



HERE. IT'S A BIT PREMATURE, BUT I'VE HAD THESE MADE UP.

DR. PETER PARKER
PARKER INDUSTRIES
PRESIDENT & CEO



I'M APPLYING FOR THE BUSINESS LOAN TOMORROW.

WITH MY ASSOCIATION WITH HORIZON ENDED, I'VE DECIDED TO FORGE AHEAD ON MY OWN.

PARKER INDUSTRIES.



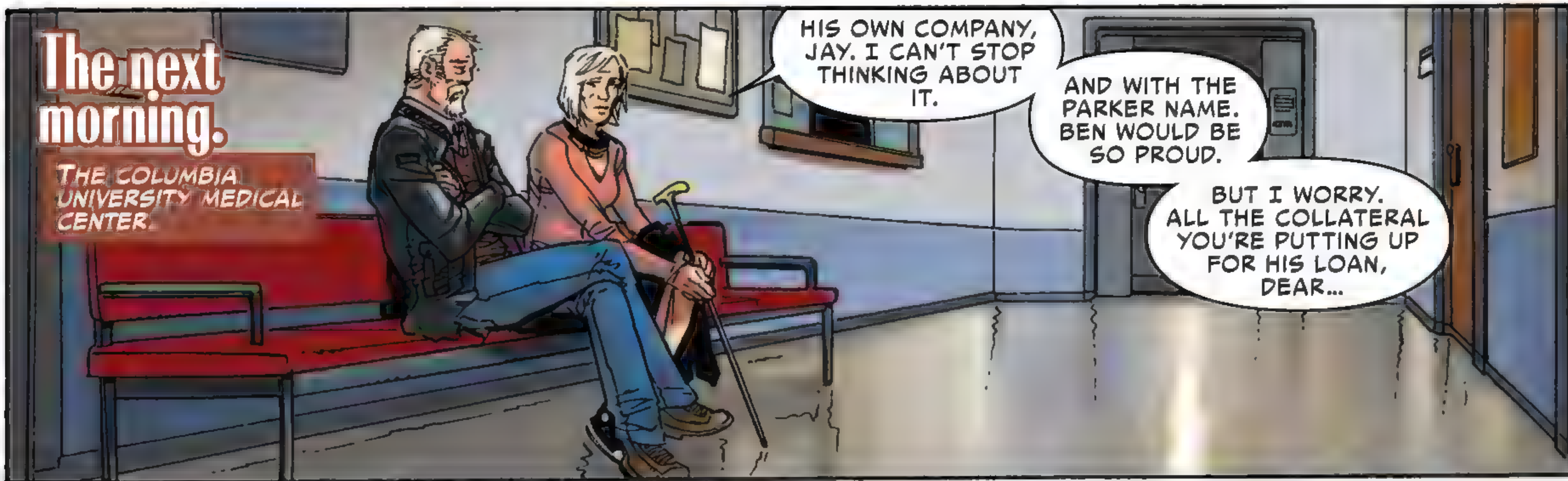
YES. AND I CAN THINK OF NO ONE ELSE I'D RATHER HAVE WORKING BY MY SIDE.

EVERY DAY.

I-I'D LIKE THAT, PETE. VERY MUCH.

TO THE FUTURE.

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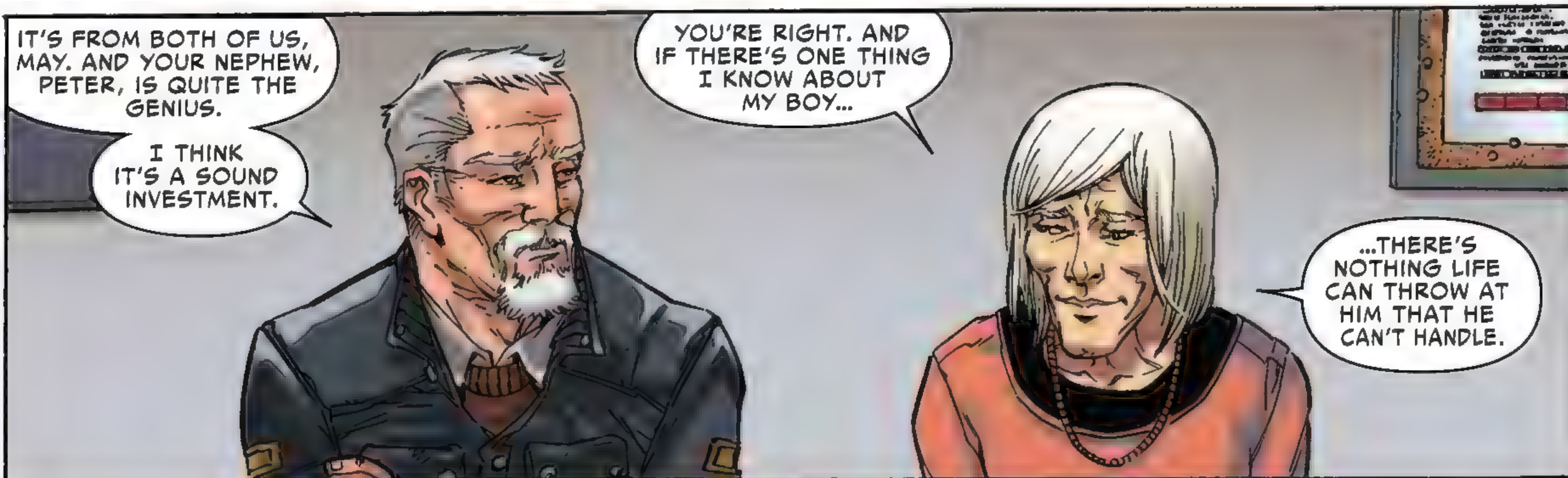
The next morning.

THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER.

HIS OWN COMPANY, JAY. I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.

AND WITH THE PARKER NAME. BEN WOULD BE SO PROUD.

BUT I WORRY. ALL THE COLLATERAL YOU'RE PUTTING UP FOR HIS LOAN, DEAR...

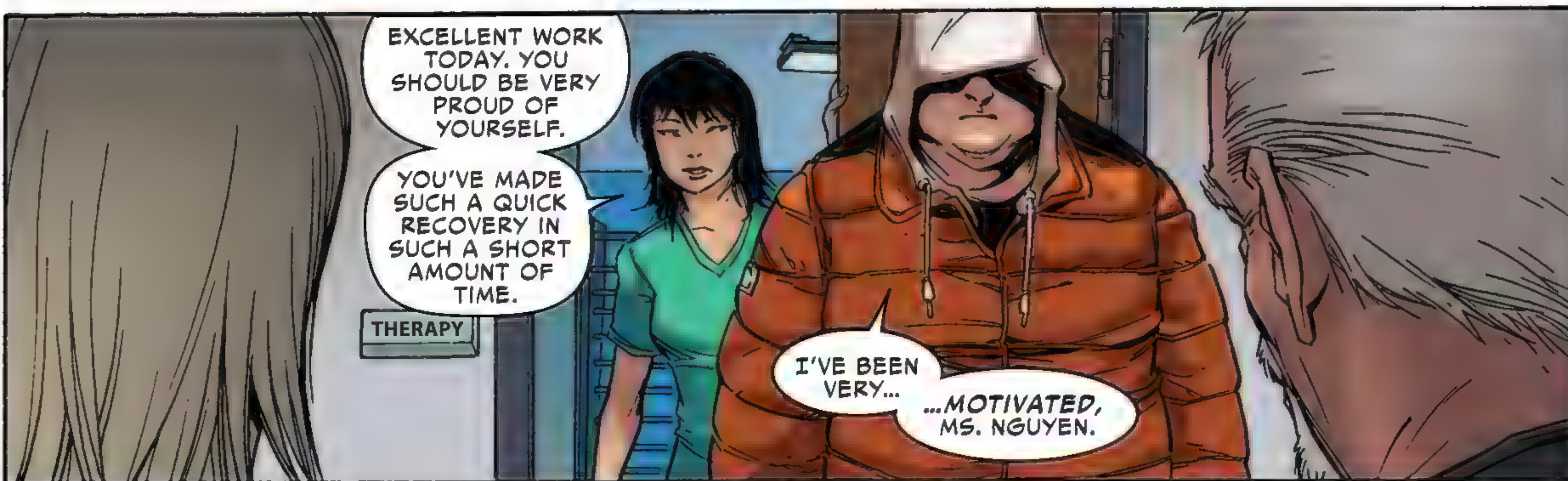


IT'S FROM BOTH OF US, MAY. AND YOUR NEPHEW, PETER, IS QUITE THE GENIUS.

I THINK IT'S A SOUND INVESTMENT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW ABOUT MY BOY...

...THERE'S NOTHING LIFE CAN THROW AT HIM THAT HE CAN'T HANDLE.



EXCELLENT WORK TODAY. YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELF.

YOU'VE MADE SUCH A QUICK RECOVERY IN SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.

THERAPY

I'VE BEEN VERY...

...MOTIVATED, MS. NGUYEN.



SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT WEEK?

NO, SHA SHAN. I'M BACK ON MY FEET. I'M READY.

AND THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE.



MAY, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

READY TO WORK ON THAT LEG OF YOURS?

YES, BUT IF IT'S OKAY, WE MIGHT HAVE TO CUT OUR SESSION SHORT.

IT'S A BIG DAY TODAY. AND MY HUSBAND AND I...



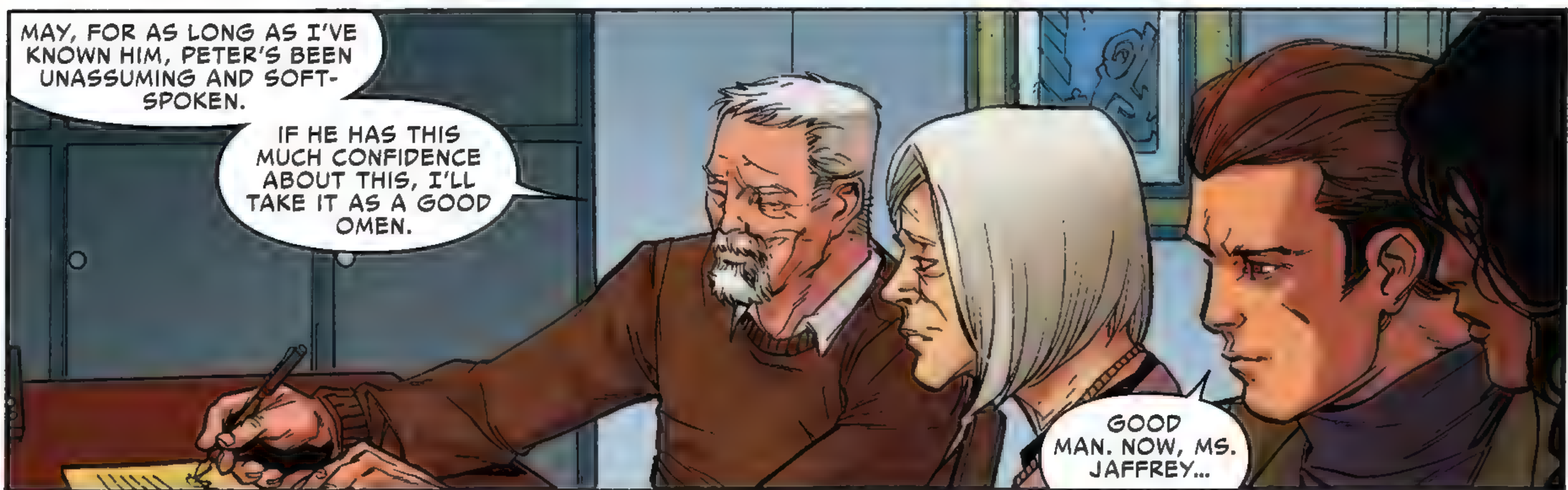
"...HAVE A VERY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO KEEP."

THANK YOU AGAIN, JAY. I KNOW THIS A SIZEABLE LOAN...

...BUT YOU WON'T REGRET IT. PARKER INDUSTRIES IS GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

AND PAY YOU BACK TENFOLD. AT LEAST.

PETER, PLEASE. THAT'S NOT HOW I RAISED YOU. PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL.



MAY, FOR AS LONG AS I'VE KNOWN HIM, PETER'S BEEN UNASSUMING AND SOFT-SPOKEN.

IF HE HAS THIS MUCH CONFIDENCE ABOUT THIS, I'LL TAKE IT AS A GOOD OMEN.

GOOD MAN. NOW, MS. JAFFREY...

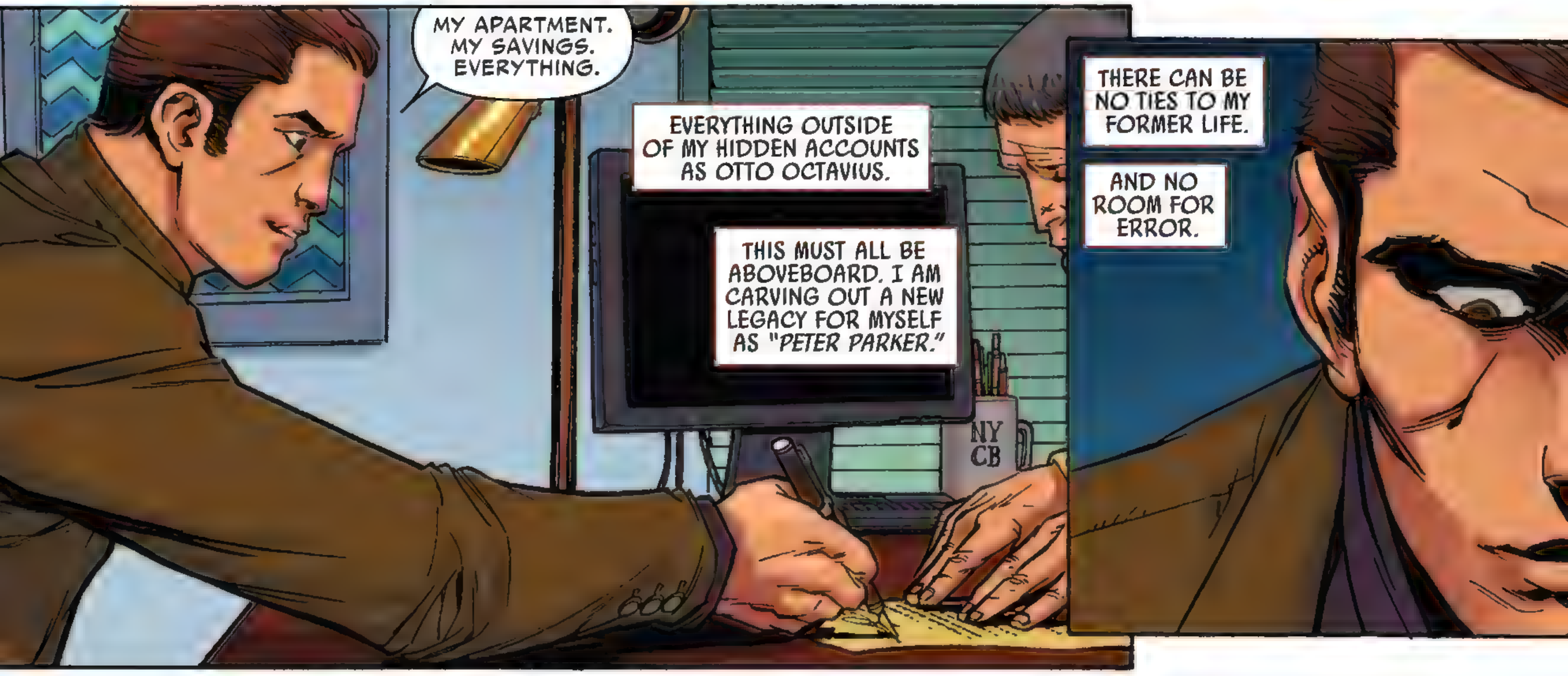


...MY FUTURE VICE PRESIDENT. READY TO SHARE THE RISK--AND THE REWARDS?

PARKER, YOU ARE ONE ARROGANT LITTLE TWIT.

BUT I'VE SEEN YOUR WORK. YOU'RE ALMOST AS GOOD AS ME. HERE WE GO.

UGH. EVERY NUT I'VE SQUIRRELED AWAY. OKAY, YOUR TURN.



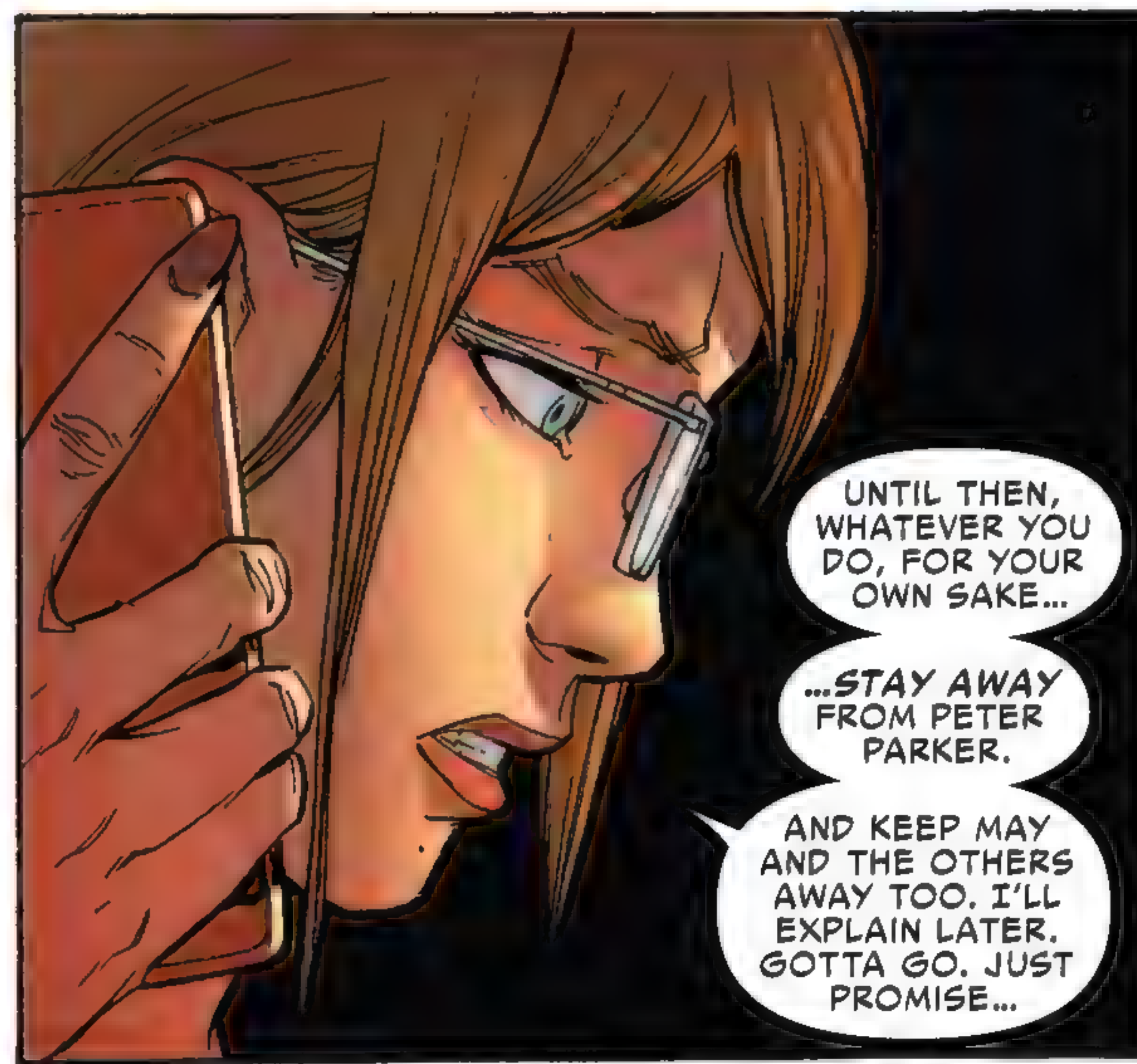
MY APARTMENT. MY SAVINGS. EVERYTHING.

EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF MY HIDDEN ACCOUNTS AS OTTO OCTAVIUS.

THIS MUST ALL BE ABOVEBOARD. I AM CARVING OUT A NEW LEGACY FOR MYSELF AS "PETER PARKER."

THERE CAN BE NO TIES TO MY FORMER LIFE.

AND NO ROOM FOR ERROR.





"...WHEREVER YOU ARE, YOU'LL PLAY IT SAFE."

DAAAMN!



HERE WE GO. THE LOCAL FIREHOUSE.

AND, ON DUTY, SHOULD BE FIREFIGHTER, PEDRO OLIVERA.



LAST TIME YOU SAW ME, I WAS COVERED HEAD-TO-TOE IN SOOT.

MASCARA WAS RUNNY. HAIR WAS A FRIGHT.

BUT THIS TIME, MR. OLIVERA...



...YOU ARE GETTING THE FULL MARY JANE WATSON EXPERIENCE.



FACE IT, TIGER, YOU'VE JUST HIT THE--





READY,
MR. PARKER?
BIG DAY.

IT'S JUST A
FORMALITY.



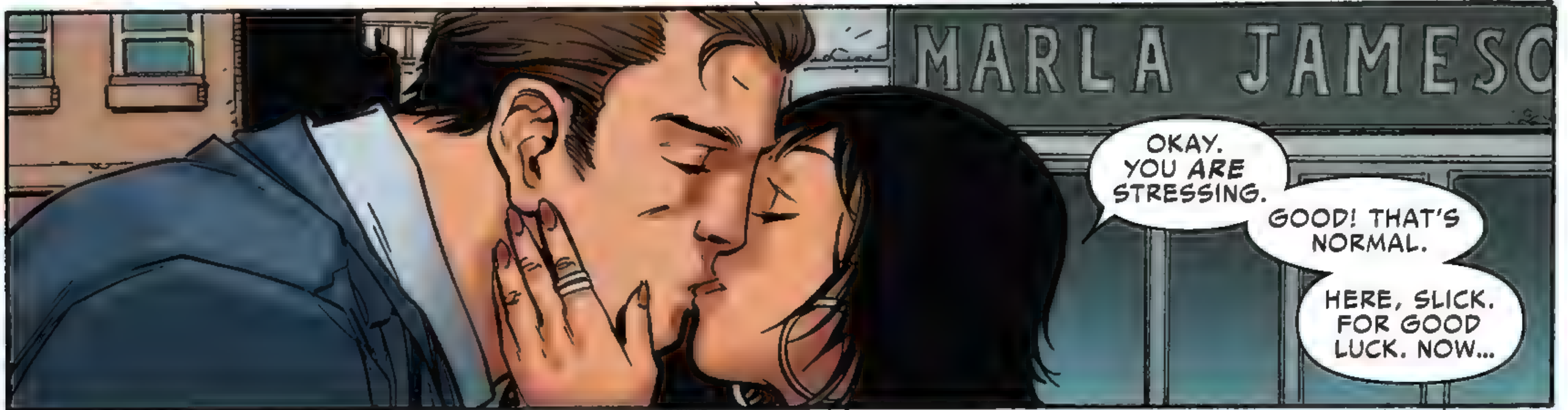
ARE YOU
KIDDING? YOU'RE
PRESENTING YOUR
DOCTORAL
THESIS.

THIS IS
HUGE.

PLEASE, ANNA.
IT'S NOT LIKE I
HAVEN'T DONE
THIS BEFORE...

...IN MY
MIND...

...PRACTICING.



OKAY.
YOU ARE
STRESSING.

GOOD! THAT'S
NORMAL.

HERE, SLICK.
FOR GOOD
LUCK. NOW...



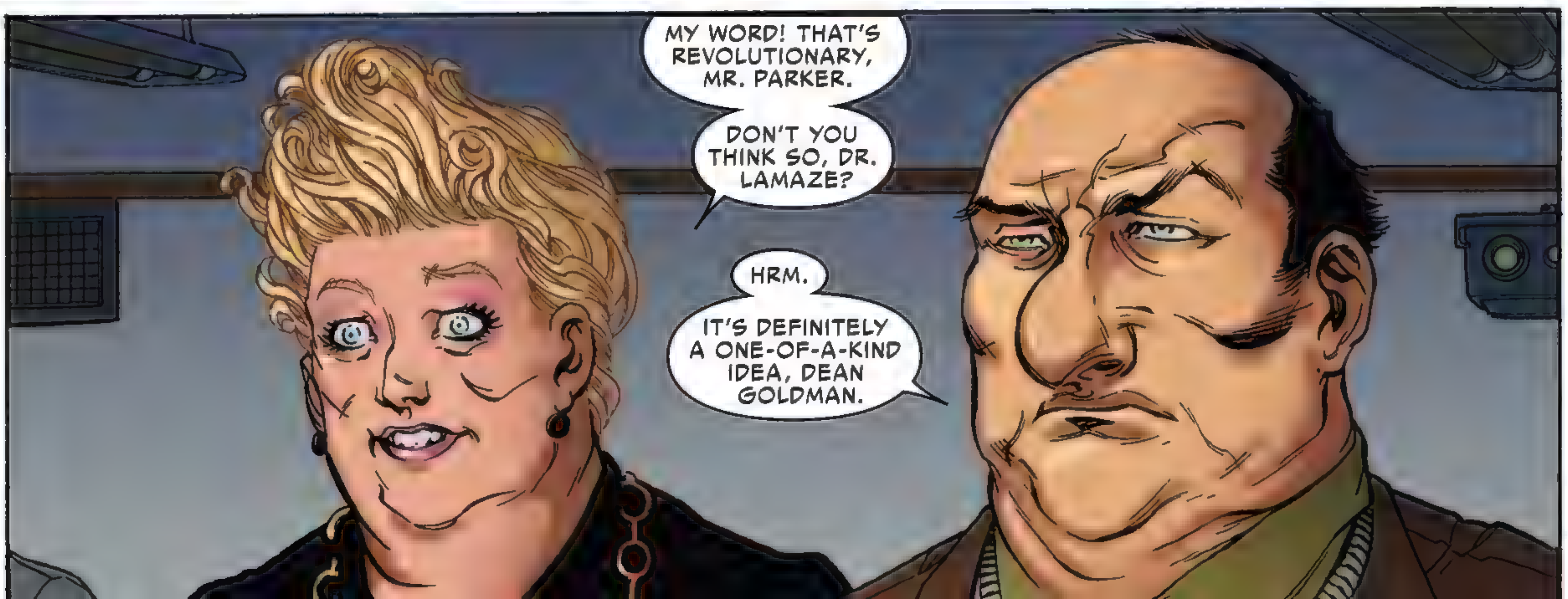
"...KNOCK
'EM DEAD."

...WITH THIS NEW FORM
OF NANO-TECHNOLOGY
I'VE DEVELOPED...

...THE HUMAN
BRAIN WILL BE ABLE
TO CONTROL BOTH
INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL MECHANICAL
APPENDAGES.

FROM OPERATING
EXOSKELETONS IN
DEEP SPACE...

...TO
MANIPULATING
ARTIFICIAL AND
ONCE-AILING
LIMBS.

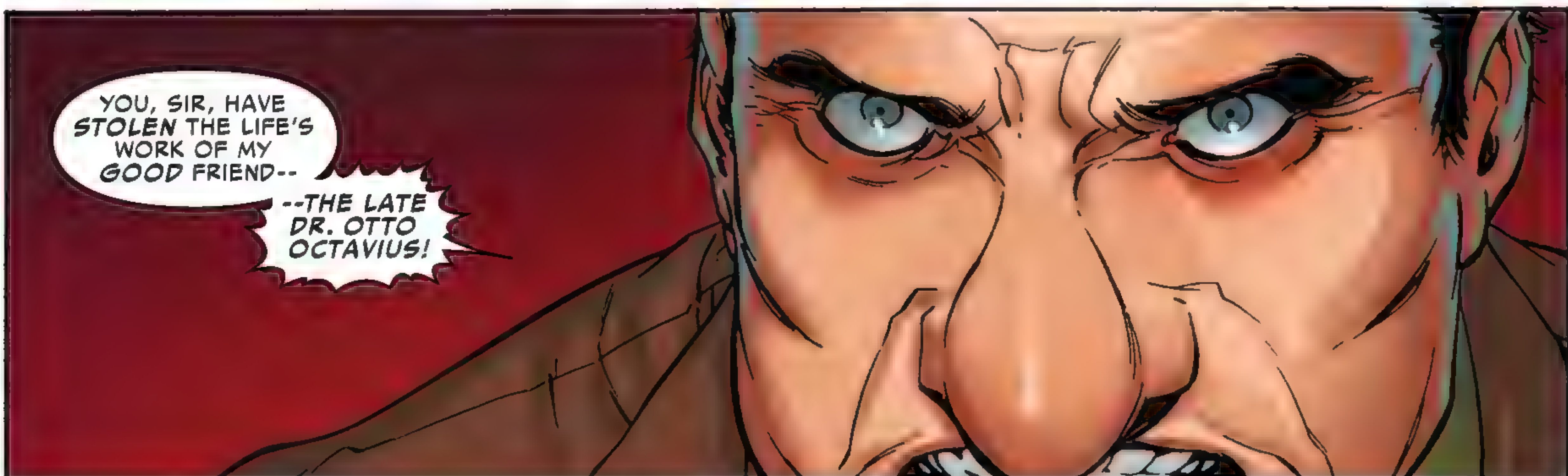


MY WORD! THAT'S
REVOLUTIONARY,
MR. PARKER.

DON'T YOU
THINK SO, DR.
LAMAZE?

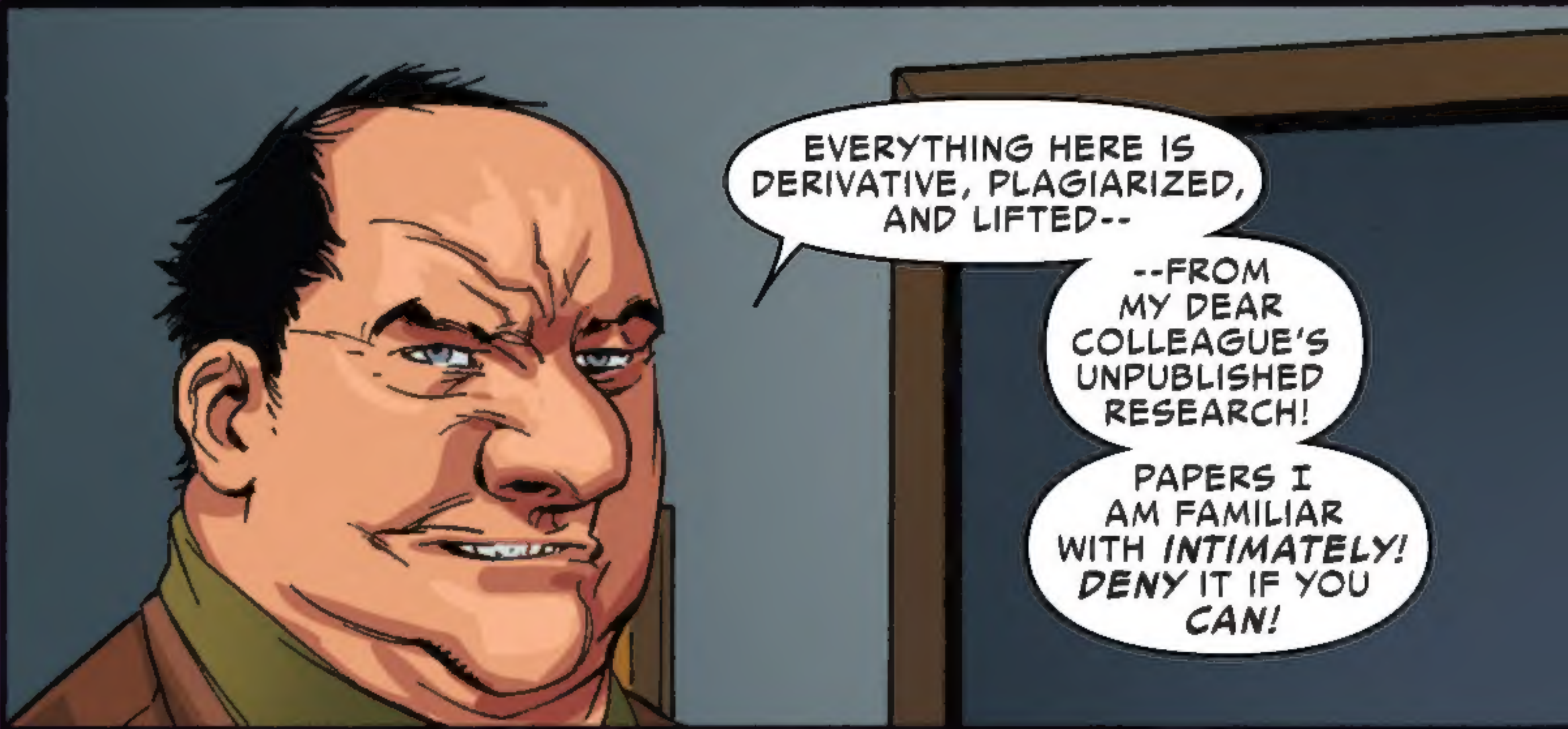
HRM.

IT'S DEFINITELY
A ONE-OF-A-KIND
IDEA, DEAN
GOLDMAN.





GOOD
GOD.



EVERYTHING HERE IS
DERIVATIVE, PLAGIARIZED,
AND LIFTED--

--FROM
MY DEAR
COLLEAGUE'S
UNPUBLISHED
RESEARCH!

PAPERS I
AM FAMILIAR
WITH *INTIMATELY!*
DENY IT IF YOU
CAN!



I CAN'T. I'M TRAPPED.
THERE NO WAY I CAN--

I--I
NEED SOME
TIME.



IT WON'T HELP.
YOU'RE *DONE*, PARKER!
FINISHED!

FORGET YOUR
DOCTORATE.
I'LL SEE YOU
EXPELLED.

IN FACT,
I'LL SEE THAT
YOU'RE MADE THE
LAUGHINGSTOCK
OF THE *ENTIRE*
SCIENTIFIC
COMMUNITY!

DAMN YOU, LAMAZE! THAT
WOULD DESTROY ME!
EVERYTHING I'VE WORKED
FOR! UNLESS...

...I DESTROY
YOU FIRST!



MISSION PARAMETER?

THERE IS
ONLY ONE
MISSION NOW.
ONE GOAL.

WHAT I DO
NOW, I DO IN
THE MEMORY OF
THE ONLY MAN I
EVER LOVED...

...OTTO
OCTAVIUS.

I'M DOING
THIS FOR YOU,
DEAREST.

IN YOUR
NAME I SWEAR
VENGEANCE...

...ON THIS
SO-CALLED
SUPERIOR
SPIDER-
MAN!

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